

tutu gallery

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Katrina Slavik
Trash Day Birding
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"For those living in NYC, the only wildlife we experience day to day might be a community garden, trees by the sidewalk, or neighborhood tales of coyotes in the park. Green spaces and urban legends about wild animals keep us sane and connect us to nature physically, culturally, and spiritually. Society and the natural world overlap, no matter how much synthetic clothing we wear, processed food we eat, or how much we pave over ecosystems. Nature will always emerge through the cracks."
Katrina Slavik

Katrina uses trash left behind by her as a consumer for her work, but also thinks about natural formation such as the layering of rock deposit and wood growth, carefully adding her materials on top of each other like they are waiting to be discovered by an archeologist as a snapshot of our time. Price tags, old clothes, and plastic sheets reveal from sides and the surfaces of these sculptures, just like how nature quietly asserts its presence in the city. The animals are witnessed in corners of New York City and take on the role of spiritual protectors for Katrina.

Katrina Slavik graduated from Maryland Institute of Art and currently resides in Astoria. She makes her work from home.